

## HINT ROMMEL DEATH IN RAID

Probe Tends to Strengthen Report He May Have Died in Strafing.

CANISY, France, July 31 (U. P.).—An unofficial investigation conducted among French civilians and captured German soldiers today tended to strengthen reports that Nazi Field Marshal Erwin Rommel was seriously wounded by a bomb or gunfire from a strafing allied plane more than a week ago and may have died of his wounds.

All available evidence compiled in this recently German-held section of Normandy points to the probability that Rommel was wounded and perhaps killed on July 19 or 20 when an allied flier, unaware of his prize target, swooped down on the German commander's car near Lisieux and sprayed it with high explosives and cannon fire.

Reports spread among French civilians by Germans said Rommel died several days later, one account locating the place of his death at Livarot; another, at a hospital in Bernay.

### Refuse to Deny Story

(The reports that Rommel had at least been injured were supported by United Press dispatches from Stockholm which said German spokesmen in Berlin, refusing to deny the story, told Swedish newsmen only that it had not been confirmed. Another dispatch from Madrid said German military sources there believed Rommel had been wounded and had lost an eye.)

Statements of the incident still were second-hand and allied official sources had no definite confirmation, but Frenchmen who were in this section during the enemy occupation said the Germans themselves seemed convinced the erstwhile Desert Fox was dead.

Eugene Morel, a gendarme in Canisy, said the report of Rommel's death was started here by German soldiers about 10 days ago, and his commander, Brig. Gen. Yves Jean, offered similar testimony.

A careful investigation failed to produce any trace of the French nurse who was supposed to have cared for Rommel just before his death and Mons. Lejeune, the mayor of Canisy, said he had no knowledge of Rommel having been treated in a German military hospital in this town.

Rommel has been conspicuously absent from all German propaganda for more than a week.

LONDON, July 31 (U. P.).—The German Transocean news agency said today that a German high command official, asked by telephone about the health of Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, replied: "He is shivering."

"This reply speaks for itself," Transocean added.

## PRO-ALLIED CAPTIVES SEGREGATED IN U. S.

WASHINGTON, July 31 (U. P.).—The war department today denied reports that it is "coddling" German or Italian-fascist prisoners, but said it has assigned some pro-allied Italians into special volunteer units which have removed a heavy load from the army service forces.

The volunteers, the department said, are screened carefully to eliminate all pro-Nazi or pro-fascist elements. Those who pass are put to work in 60 army stations throughout the country handling equipment and salvage and repairing and processing army vehicles.

## ORDER LIMITS PRICE ON CUP OF COFFEE

WASHINGTON, July 31 (U. P.).—The five-cent cup of coffee, which has almost become a defunct institution in many communities under the stress of war, will be revived today in many restaurants throughout the country.

Under a new office of price administration regulation, effective today, no restaurant or eating establishment may charge more than a nickel for a cup of coffee, including cream and sugar, unless it was charging more during the week of October 4-10, 1942, shortly before coffee rationing was ordered.

## Bullies of Hitler's Elite S. S. Come Cringing Like Whipped Dogs to Surrender in France

By HENRY T. GORRELL  
United Press Staff Correspondent

WITH U. S. TANKS NORTH OF GAVRAY, France, July 30 (Delayed).—Hitler's professional killers, the dread elite S. S., who bullied the occupied countries and directed the extermination of thousands of Jews, cracked up today.

They acted like they say all killers do by turning yellow when the odds turned against them. I saw the one-time "tough boys" cringing and surrendering by the hundreds.

In France they were supposed to have kept the Poles and the Georgians fighting for the Nazis by holding pistols at their backs. They may have been tough once, but the American bombers and fighters and tanks took the fight out of them.

### Pathetic Performance

There is no adequate term to describe the pathetic performance of the members of the Nazi murder clubs. "Whipped puppy dogs" is too mild.

It was true that they had lost most of their tanks and artillery, much of which I saw as miles long masses of burning, twisted steel along the narrow dirt roads north of Gavray.

But if they had any fight left in them, these Nazi strong-arm boys could have kept the American infantry busy for days stalking them

## Nazi Debacle Continues in East



With Warsaw under assault from a battle line six and a quarter miles away, Russian armies are driving across East Prussia, and have cut the German escape route from Latvia and Estonia at Jelgava. Another Soviet army is on the move from the north, and the Nazis have admitted the loss of Kaunas.

## Russ 6 Miles From Warsaw; Nazis Say Kaunas Captured

(Continued From Page One) the Germans admitted, by a Soviet military commentator as saying that the German "strategic retreat is in the last phase of the defensive conduct of the war in the East. After that the offensive conduct of the war will begin."

### News Belies Statement

From neither Berlin nor Moscow, however, came any sign that the decimated German army of the eastern front was in any shape to undertake a stand against the Russian forces sweeping westward. Far to the northeast all the Germans in upper Latvia and Estonia were threatened with imminent encirclement by the Soviet drive within striking distance of the Baltic. Jelgava already was by-passed.

## Turk-Nazi Break Expected Within the Next 24 Hours

(Continued From Page One) cision was expected to be revealed to editors of Turkish newspapers at an urgent meeting called at Ankara for today, but presumably will not be announced until after the grand national assembly meets Wednesday.

Von Papen has warned German residents and visitors to be prepared to leave Turkey on short notice and some already have left. German diplomats at Istanbul, Adana and elsewhere in Turkey were reported to have left their posts and entrained for Ankara.

### Reconciled to Break

Berlin broadcasts and newspaper dispatches implied that Germany was reconciled that a break was imminent. Turkey's current "passive defense" exercises, including the return of the Turkish fleet to its home waters, indicated Turkey was ready for any emergency.

## COURT DENIES LIFE PLEA OF KIDNAPER

CINCINNATI, O., July 31 (U. P.).—The sixth U. S. court of appeals today upheld a death sentence against Thomas Henry Robinson Jr., 36-year-old former University of Vanderbilt student, for the 1943 kidnapping of Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll, Louisville, Ky., society woman.

Robinson was convicted by a federal court jury at Louisville, Dec. 12, 1943, of violation of the Lindbergh kidnapping act which recommended that he suffer the death penalty.

Judge Shackelford Miller sentenced Robinson to death, but his appeal stayed the execution date.

## WAR PRISONERS EMPLOYED

CHICAGO, July 31 (U. P.).—Approximately 10,000 German prisoners of war are working in Michigan, Illinois and Wisconsin processing food and fruit crops, sixth service command headquarters announced today.

## SOLDIERS IN ITALY ACCUSED OF OUTRAGE

VATICAN CITY, July 31 (U. P.).—The official Vatican newspaper, Osservatore Romano, said today that allied authorities had done nothing toward identifying French African soldiers alleged to have thrown five women and a child from a moving train between Rome and Cassino last week.

Two women and the child were killed, the paper said, and three women seriously injured. The newspaper said the women were walking to Cassino when they saw the troop train at Giampino and asked for a ride. After the train started moving, the women were asked to prostitute themselves, and four who refused and the child were thrown from a window. The fifth was thrown off later.

The Osservatore is the only newspaper in liberated Italy not under allied censorship.

## 1 Captured 17 Nazis

Suddenly we met 17 German soldiers walking in our direction carrying a white flag. Thompson called to them to "halt" and they meekly raised their hands. I searched them in self defense. Meanwhile six French women gathered and began hissing the Germans who wore the shoulder flash of the Das Reich division.

We told the Germans to follow the French into Roncey where they would find a prisoner-of-war cage and walked on another quarter of a mile.

Along the line of burned out German vehicles caught in the U. S. artillery and aerial barrage were small youngsters playing with German gas masks and grenades. We shot them away.

Inside a stone shack alongside the column of wrecked tanks and guns, we saw an old-fashioned, wooden, horse-drawn hearse. It was a bit charred but could be repaired easily. This old fashioned relic, probably in use before the first world war, had outlasted the best of Hitler's steel "blitz" machines.

## TREBLING OF ROBOT RANGE PREDICTED

WASHINGTON, July 31 (U. P.).—Rep. Robert L. F. Sikes (D. Fla.) predicted today the Germans soon will treble the range of their robot bombs and thus continue to bomb England from the interior of Europe even after they are driven from the channel coast.

Sikes, a house military affairs committee member who has conducted a one-man investigation of the flying bombs, said the fact that the missiles now in use have an estimated top range of 150 miles does not mean that the menace will be removed when the Germans are driven that distance away from British soil.

"As the allies push the Germans back on the western front the Nazis will move their robot bomb equipment closer to Germany and within a matter of weeks they will be able to reach England from three times the distance they are now covering," he said.

It will be hard to stop the pilotless plane bombs, he explained, because "installations are small, built of thick concrete and widely scattered."

"They present a very small target and one which is hard to hit from the air," he added.

## 'Berlin Within Grasp, but We Could Muff Victory'

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too ruthless and too desperate to leave anything undone that might prolong their power and their lives. So unless we bring all possible pressure to bear on Germany from without, her fall may be staved off indefinitely.

In fact, this postponement of the inevitable, many believe, has now become the Nazi game.

Nothing, therefore, will be too uncivilized for them to try if they stand to gain a little time in which to hope for the breaks.

"That is one of the principal reasons behind the robot bomb. Hitler knows it can have no appreciable military effect, but if it gains him a few extra weeks, or a few extra days, maybe 'something will turn up' in his favor."

I found German prisoners in France who believed the robots would quickly win the war. They believed half of England was a shambles. They were correspondingly sullen when, on their way to internment in the United Kingdom, they saw how badly they had been fooled.

In time, of course, all this will prove a boomerang and Hitler

knows it. But before the fatal awakening, he hopes "something" will happen.

Before the summer is out, the Hitler foursome may even try to turn the allied victories in France and Russia to account.

If the worst comes, they may draw a last-ditch line somewhere in the east and hold it against the Russian army while Anglo-American forces advance on Berlin from the west.

Or they may weaken the Russian front in order to hold back the British and Americans.

In either case it would mean the early occupation of Germany, but it would be only temporary. Hitler and his gang might hope, if they could use it as a ruse to split the allies and throw all Europe into chaos. In the confusion, the Nazi criminals might escape.

That is what is meant by "muffing the victory" now virtually in the bag.

An early and conclusive peace seems certain only if (1) the allies put everything they've got into their 1944 punch and (2) the Big Three pull together politically as well as militarily as the end draws near.

## CAPEHART WARNS OF F. D. R. SPEECHES

Times Special

MONTICELLO, July 31.—G. O. P. Senatorial Nominee Homer E. Capehart today decried the use of public information channels "by New Deal satellites of official reports to the nation for political purposes."

"Whenever Franklin D. Roosevelt speaks from now on, he speaks as Candidate Roosevelt and not as president nor commander-in-chief," Mr. Capehart told Republicans gathered at Sportsmen's hotel for a second district organization meeting.

"The people of America will accept his every utterance whether it is a report to the nation on governmental or war affairs for his office."

"Should Secretary of State Cordell Hull decide suddenly that the American people are sufficiently matured that they can be told what commitments were made at Moscow, his remarks will be taken as furthering the candidacy of F. D. R."

Mr. Capehart said that any release of metals to manufacturers by the war production board or any relaxation of rationing before election time should be regarded strictly as political moves.

He said that Governor Dewey and Senator Bricker would "halt this

## RAID ENJOINER CASE SET FOR TOMORROW

Safety Board Counsel Henry Krug said today that Judge Harold G. Barger of Shelby circuit court will sit as special judge in the Marion superior court 2 hearing tomorrow on a permanent raid injunction sought by the 400 club, 842 S. Meridian st.

Ernest R. Stewart has refused to serve as special judge in an injunction suit involving the Electrical Machine and Radio Workers Social club, 45 Virginia ave., he said.

### SEEK \$40,000 FOR HOME

The appropriation of \$40,000 with which to renovate the juvenile detention home, 25th st. and Keystone ave., will be requested at next Monday's county council session by the county commissioners, Commissioner Ray D. Mendenhall said today.

Other speakers were gubernatorial Nominee Ralph Gates and State Chairman John Lauer.

### WITH U. S. VISION, FRANCE

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Evansville .....

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